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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/686,349	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MAW ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Shobha Kantamneni	<b>Art Unit</b> 1617	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-67 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 30-67 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Office Action is in response to the application filed on 10/15/2003. Claims 30-67 are pending.

#### ***Election/Restrictions***

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 :

- I. Claims 30-67 drawn to a method of treating a female suffering from female sexual dysfunction comprising the step of delivering to a female a therapeutically effective amount of a neuropeptide Y inhibitor, wherein the female sexual dysfunction is female sexual arousal disorder, classified in class 514, subclass 183, 245.
- II. Claims 30-48 drawn to a method of treating a female suffering from female sexual dysfunction comprising the step of delivering to a female a therapeutically effective amount of a neuropeptide Y inhibitor, wherein the female sexual dysfunction is other than female sexual arousal disorder, such as hypoactive sexual disorder, orgasmic disorder, sexual pain disorder, classified in class 514, subclass 183, 245.

Inventions I-II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP 806.04, MPEP 808.01). In the instant case the inventions have different modes of operation, and different functions.

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For example, the method of treating female hypoactive sexual desire disorder is different from a method of treating sexual arousal disorder.

Each method of treatment relates to a separate field of medical technology having a separate field of search. The search for all female sexual dysfunctions is therefore an undue burden on the office. Note that the search involves both patent and non-patent literature. Therefore, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one or more claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Because the above restriction/election requirement is complex, a telephone call to the applicant's agent to request an oral election was not made. See M.P.E.P Sec. 812.01.

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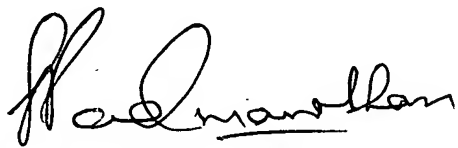
**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shobha Kantamneni whose telephone number is 571-272-2930. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday on 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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